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DISCONTINUATION OF RAILWAY HALTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of halt stations in Maharashtra as on date, district-wise;

(b) the amount of revenue earned by the Railways from these halt stations during the last one year;

(c) whether there are some Railway halt stations in the State which are running in losses;

(d) if so, whether the Railways are contemplating to discontinue such halts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): There are 125 halt stations in Maharashtra (district-wise list is not maintained).

(b): The earnings from these halt stations during the last one year is approximately Rs.3.3 crores.

(c) to (e): A halt station is considered unremunerative where average number of passengers is less than 25 per day (outward) on branch lines and 50 per day (outward) on main lines. From time to time halt stations where patronization is poor are closed. However, factors like requests from State Government or passenger amenity is taken into consideration before taking such decision.